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## Sen. Cassis and colleagues present tribute to local player, Oakland University women's basketball team

**LANSING**—State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and four of her Senate colleagues from Oakland County today signed and presented a tribute to the Oakland University women's basketball team and their coach, Beckie Francis. The team was honored on the Senate floor for winning the 2006 Mid-Continent Conference Tournament Championship and making its second appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

"It was yet another magnificent season for these women," said Cassis. "What a thrill to see them and Coach Francis win their conference tournament and make the NCAA Tournament. They made their mark this year as one of the best teams in the nation."

Cassis also welcomed to the Senate a local player on the team. Jessica Knurick of Commerce Township is a 6-foot-2-inch forward/center for the Grizzlies.

A photo of Sen. Cassis and Jessica Knurick is available at:

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